



House of Representatives

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Substitute House Bill No. 6916

House of Representatives, April 19, 2001

The Committee on Government Administration and Elections reported through REP. KNOPP of the 137th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT DESIGNATING CROMWELL DAY, HUMAN SERVICES WORKERS' MEMORIAL DAY, ITALIAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH, NATIVE-AMERICANS' DAY AND JUNETEENTH INDEPENDENCE DAY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. The Governor shall proclaim Sunday July fifteenth of the
2 year two thousand and one to be Cromwell Day in the State of
3 Connecticut to commemorate the one hundred fiftieth anniversary of
4 the founding of the town of Cromwell. Suitable exercises shall be held
5 in the town of Cromwell for the observance of the day.

6 Sec. 2. Subdivision (9) of subsection (a) of section 10-29a of the
7 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
8 thereof:

9 (9) The Governor shall proclaim the last Friday in September in each
10 year to be [Indian] Native-Americans' Day, which day shall be suitably

11 observed in the public schools of the state as a day of commemoration
12 of [American Indians] Native-Americans and their contribution to
13 American life and civilization.

14 Sec. 3. Subsection (a) of section 10-29a of the general statutes is
15 amended by adding subdivisions (47) to (49), inclusive, as follows:

16 (NEW) (47) The Governor shall proclaim September twenty-first of
17 each year to be Human Services Workers' Memorial Day to
18 commemorate and honor human services workers killed in the line of
19 duty. Suitable exercises shall be held in the State Capitol and elsewhere
20 as the Governor designates for the observance of the day.

21 (NEW) (48) The Governor shall proclaim the month of October to be
22 Italian-American Heritage Month to honor Americans of Italian
23 ancestry, their culture and the great contribution they have made to
24 this country. Suitable exercises shall be held in the State Capitol and
25 elsewhere as the Governor designates for the observance of the day.

26 (NEW) (49) The Governor shall proclaim the Saturday that is the
27 closest to June nineteenth of each year to be Juneteenth Independence
28 Day in recognition of the formal emancipation of enslaved African-
29 Americans pursuant to General Order No. 3 of June 19, 1865, in
30 Galveston, Texas. Suitable exercises shall be held in the State Capitol
31 and elsewhere as the Governor designates for the observance of the
32 day.

33 Sec. 4. This act shall take effect from its passage.

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

The provisions concerning Native-Americans' Day were inserted in an existing subdivision, in section 2, instead of in a new subdivision.

GAE *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Affected Agencies: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation**State Impact:**

The bill adds observances the governor proclaims for annual commemorations. These include Human Services Workers' Memorial Day, Juneteenth Independence Day, and Italian American Heritage Month. It requires the governor to proclaim Sunday, July 15, 2001 as Cromwell Day in the state to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Town of Cromwell. There is no fiscal impact as a result of this bill.

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY:

This bill adds to the observances the governor proclaims for annual commemorations:

1. Human Services Workers' Memorial Day (September 21) to honor human services workers killed in the line of duty;
2. Juneteenth Independence Day (the Saturday closest to June 19) in recognition of the formal emancipation of enslaved African-Americans in Galveston, Texas in 1865; and
3. Italian-American Heritage Month (October) to honor Americans of Italian ancestry, their culture, and contribution.

It renames Native-Americans' Day (currently called Indian Day) that the governor proclaims on the last Friday in September.

Finally, it requires the governor to proclaim Sunday, July 15, 2001 as Cromwell Day in the state to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Town of Cromwell. Suitable exercises must be held in the town that day.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute
Yea 19 Nay 0